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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**  
**TO THE 6/30/2003 OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the outstanding Office Action mailed on June 30, 2003, (hereinafter, the "Office Action") by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-referenced application. In the Office Action, claims 1-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1-2, 4-9, and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by the disclosures of Thistlethwaite et al. (U.S. Patent 5,402,240) or Wiesman (U.S. Patent 5,983,661). Claims 1-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Thistlethwaite et al. or Wiesman in view of Bowler et al. (U.S. Patent 4,004,021) and Hayashi et al. (U.S. Patent 3,953,495). Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

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